



Psorophora discolor Biology

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Psorophora discolor larvae develop in temporary rain-filled pools, in overflow pools along streams, and in rice fields. *Psorophora discolor* requires longer for development in the aquatic stages than *Ps. columbiae*, usually about 10 days to 2 weeks, and that the larvae do not suspend themselves at the surface film until just before pupation. This may explain the infrequency of larval collections of this mosquito.

The females are troublesome biters when abundant, particularly at night. The adults are readily attracted to light traps. They can be collected from May through October in Brunswick County. We collect very few of these mosquitoes and believe them to be rare in the County. We consider this mosquito to be of low importance to the citizens of Brunswick County.

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